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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 23 with the following claim:

23. An image processing method comprising the steps of:  
providing compressed texture data in a storage device;  
reading said compressed texture data from said storage device and  
decompressing said compressed texture data;  
storing said decompressed texture data in a texture buffer; and  
providing a processor, and transferring data between said texture buffer and said  
processor faster than transferring data between said storage device and said processor.